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Sir:

In reviewing the Notice of Allowability, the applicants have noted what appears to be a clerical error on form PTOL-37. Specifically, the form erroneously indicates that a certified copy of the priority document was not received by the U.S. Patent Office.

On September 20, 2001, the applicants submitted a Claim of Priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 which included a certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 10/365604 to the U.S. Patent Office for the above-referenced patent application. Receipt of this Claim of Priority has previously been acknowledged by the Patent Office. Therefore, the applicants respectfully submit that no further submission is necessary. The applicants would prefer to receive a corrected form PTOL-37; however, in the absence of any further Communication from the Patent Office, the applicants will

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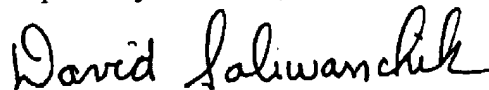
understand the matter to be resolved internally by the Patent Office without further action on the applicants' part.

Attached please find the applicants' self-addressed returned postcard received from the U.S. Patent Office which indicates that the certified copy of the priority document was received in the Office of Initial Patent Examination on September 24, 2001.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

The applicant also invites the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this response, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,



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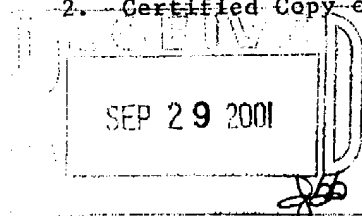
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1. Claim of Priority Under 35 USC 119; and
2. ~~Certified Copy of~~ JP 10/365604



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